Company Tracking Number: 4200-11

TOI: L071 Individual Life - Whole Sub-TOI: L071.101 Fixed/Indeterminate Premium - Single

Life

Product Name: Flex Endorsement

Project Name/Number: /

## Filing at a Glance

Company: MTL Insurance Company

Product Name: Flex Endorsement SERFF Tr Num: MTLC-127611397 State: Arkansas
TOI: L07I Individual Life - Whole SERFF Status: Closed-Approved-State Tr Num: 50090

Closed

Sub-TOI: L07I.101 Fixed/Indeterminate

Premium - Single Life Filing Type: Form

Co Tr Num: 4200-11 State Status: Approved-Closed

Reviewer(s): Linda Bird

Author: Jamie Jensson Disposition Date: 10/27/2011

Date Submitted: 10/21/2011 Disposition Status: Approved-

Closed

Implementation Date:

Implementation Date Requested: On Approval

State Filing Description:

## **General Information**

Project Name: Status of Filing in Domicile:
Project Number: Date Approved in Domicile:
Requested Filing Mode: Domicile Status Comments:

Explanation for Combination/Other: Market Type:

Submission Type: New Submission Overall Rate Impact:

Filing Status Changed: 10/27/2011

State Status Changed: 10/27/2011 Deemer Date:

Created By: Jamie Jensson Submitted By: Jamie Jensson

Corresponding Filing Tracking Number:

Filing Description:

Form 4200-11 is an endorsement that gives the policy owner the ability to make the premium amount paid each year for their Annual Premium Paid-Up Additional Insurance Rider flexible.

This endorsement will make our 1980 CSO riders perform similarly to our Flexible Premium Paid-Up Insurance Riders, Forms P44 and P45, recently approved.

This form is intended for use on new issues as well as inforce policies. It is a new form and does not replace any existing forms.

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This endorsement will be used with Form 19-11, Form 19-11(1995), Form 19-10, Form 19-10 US, Form 21-15D, and Form 21-16D previously approved in your state.

## **Company and Contact**

#### **Filing Contact Information**

Jamie Jensson, JenssonJ@mutualtrust.com

1200 Jorie Blvd 800-323-7320 [Phone] 5397 [Ext]

Oak Brook, IL 60523

**Filing Company Information** 

MTL Insurance Company CoCode: 66427 State of Domicile: Illinois 1200 Jorie Blvd. Group Code: Company Type: Life Oak Brook, IL 60522 Group Name: State ID Number:

(800) 323-7320 ext. [Phone] FEIN Number: 36-1516780

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## **Filing Fees**

Fee Required? Yes
Fee Amount: \$50.00
Retaliatory? No

Fee Explanation: 1 form @ \$50 per form

Per Company: No

COMPANY AMOUNT DATE PROCESSED TRANSACTION #

MTL Insurance Company \$50.00 10/21/2011 53066281

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# **Correspondence Summary**

## **Dispositions**

Status	Created By	Created On	Date Submitted
Approved- Closed	Linda Bird	10/27/2011	10/27/2011

Company Tracking Number: 4200-11

TOI: L071 Individual Life - Whole Sub-TOI: L071.101 Fixed/Indeterminate Premium - Single

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Product Name: Flex Endorsement

Project Name/Number: /

## **Disposition**

Disposition Date: 10/27/2011

Implementation Date:
Status: Approved-Closed

Comment:

Rate data does NOT apply to filing.

Company Tracking Number: 4200-11

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Life

Product Name: Flex Endorsement

Project Name/Number:

Schedule	Schedule Item	Schedule Item Status	<b>Public Access</b>
Supporting Document	Flesch Certification		Yes
Supporting Document	Application		Yes
Supporting Document	Life & Annuity - Acturial Memo		No
Supporting Document	Sample Specifications Page & Statemen	t	Yes
	of Variability		
Form	Endorsement		Yes

Company Tracking Number: 4200-11

TOI: L071 Individual Life - Whole Sub-TOI: L071.101 Fixed/Indeterminate Premium - Single

Life

Product Name: Flex Endorsement

Project Name/Number: /

## Form Schedule

Lead Form Number: 4200-11

,	Schedule	Form	Form Type Form Name	Action	Action Specific	Readability	Attachment
I	Item	Number			Data		
;	Status						
		Form 4200	-Certificate Endorsement	Initial		62.600	4200-11.pdf
		11	Amendmen				
			t, Insert				
			Page,				
			Endorseme				
			nt or Rider				

### **ENDORSEMENT**

The Annual Premium Paid-Up Additional Insurance Rider form is hereby endorsed as the **Annual Premium Paid-Up Additional Insurance Rider, Flexible Version.** 

In addition, the following is hereby added on Page 4q of the rider form, below paragraph one of the initial section:

Each year in which this rider is in force, the Payor may elect to pay a premium amount other than the stipulated premium. If a premium amount paid differs from the stipulated premium amount, the death benefit amount will be adjusted accordingly and will be different from the values shown on Page 3 of this policy. The adjusted death benefit will be calculated using the same basis that was used to determine the values shown on Page 3.

The total premium paid in one policy year (including any disability benefit payments applied as premium to this rider) must be:

- 1. Greater than or equal to the minimum annual premium as shown on Page 3 of this policy; *and*
- 2. Less than or equal to the maximum annual premium as shown on Page 3 of this policy.

This endorsement shall be effective as of the effective date of the rider.

This endorsement is hereby made a part of the policy. The endorsed provisions apply in lieu of any policy or rider provisions to the contrary.

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Sr. Vice President

Company Tracking Number: 4200-11

TOI: L071 Individual Life - Whole Sub-TOI: L071.101 Fixed/Indeterminate Premium - Single

Life

Product Name: Flex Endorsement

Project Name/Number:

## **Supporting Document Schedules**

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: Flesch Certification

Comments:

Attachments:

STATE OF ARKANSAS compliance form.pdf Certification of Readability- flex endorsement.pdf

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: Application

Comments:

Form 6329-11 previously approved 8/10/11

Attachment: 6329-11.pdf

Item Status: Status

Date:

Bypassed - Item: Life & Annuity - Acturial Memo

Bypass Reason: N/A

Comments:

Item Status: Status

Date:

Satisfied - Item: Sample Specifications Page &

Statement of Variability

**Comments:** 

Attachments:

19-11 APUAR Flex Version SPEC PAGE 3.pdf

Variability items for 4200-11.pdf

### STATE OF ARKANSAS

#### **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

**Company Name:** MTL Insurance Company

Form Title(s): Endorsement

Form Numbers(s): 4200-11

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above form(s) and submission complies with Reg. 19 and 49, as well as the other laws and regulations of the State of Arkansas.

Roger L. Barth Digitally signed by Roger L. Barth DN: cn=Roger L. Barth, o=MTL Insurance Co, ou=Vice President, Product Development, email=BarthR@mutualtrust.com, c=US Date: 2011.10.20 10:26:15 -05'00'

Roger L. Barth, FSA, MAAA

Vice President

10/20/11

Date

#### **CERTIFICATE OF READABILITY**

MTL Insurance Company by Roger L. Barth, Vice President, Product Development, does hereby certify that the accompanying forms identified by the listing below, have the scores listed, which were calculated using the Flesch Reading Ease Test, and are readable under the standards of said test.

FORM FLESCH SCORE

4200-11 62.60

#### MTL INSURANCE COMPANY

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By:

| Digitally signed by Roger L. Barth DN: cn=Roger L. Barth, o=MTL Insurance Co, out-Vice President, Product Development, email=BarthR@mutualtrust.com, c=US Date: 2011.10.20 10:30:05-05'00'

Roger L. Barth, FSA, MAAA Vice President

Dated: October 20, 2011

Policy Reissue / Change Application



Side A

1200 Jorie Boulevard • Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-2269 Toll Free: 1-800-323-7320 • www.mutualtrust.com

This is an application as designated below,				on the life ofon the Company for the change.
1 1	•		,	Allowed up to six turn of Page 3. CHANGE (Changes made after inception). Over six months from the date of issue. Original policy will be endorsed.
Base Plan of Insura	ance: Cur	rent:		Proposed:
		Face	Amou	
A change to a lower p	premium pl	an may be	subjec	et to evidence of insurability satisfactory to the Company. Complete Sides A, B, and the HIPAA Form.
Redate to:				Subject to evidence of insurability if occurring more than 30 days after date of issue.  Complete Sides A, B, and the HIPAA Form.
Modification of	Risk Clas	ssificatio	n:	
Riders and Benefit		equesting a	a new l	t to evidence of insurability satisfactory to the Company. Complete Sides A, B, and the HIPAA Form. Proposed Insured - Complete Sides A and B of Form 6330-11.
Traditional Life:	<u>ay</u>	onunge itt	_	Accelerated Death Benefit Rider
			$\Box$	Waiver of Premium - "Own Occupation"
Г	1			Annual Premium Paid Up Insurance Rider: Face Amount or Premium \$
	,			Single Premium Paid Up Insurance Rider: Face Amount or Premium \$
Г	_ ⊔ 1 □			Flexible Premium Paid Up Insurance Rider:
	J L		Ш	Face Amount or Initial Premium \$
				Maximum Annual Premium \$
				Stipulated Annual Premium \$Years Payable
				Disability Benefit Rider: Annual Benefit Amount \$ Benefit Period (in yrs)
				Automatic Premium Payment Provision- Permanent Plans Only
Universal Life:				Waiver of Monthly Deduction Rider
Additional				
Riders / Benefits:			_	Children leaveners (f.
		Ħ	=	Purchase Option \$
			_	Term Insurance Rider: Proposed Insured's Name Type Amount
			Ш	
Prevent MEC:	Yes	□No		
Surrender Paid Up	Sing	gle 🗌 A	nnual	☐ Flexible ☐ Full or ☐ Partial ☐ Face Amount or ☐ Cash Value
Additions Rider:	Amount	\$		Federal Taxes to be Withheld \$
	Disburs	ement Inst	tructio	ns:
Dividend	☐ Buy Pa	aid Up Add	ditions	☐ Apply Toward Premium ☐ Maximum Accumulation (Flexible PUA Rider required)
Options:	Accum	iulate at In i Cash	terest	<ul><li>☐ Buy One Year Term Only</li><li>☐ One Year Term (Equal to the cash value of the basic plan)</li><li>☐ One Year Term / PUA's (Modified Whole Life Plans only)</li></ul>
Mode of Premium	Annua	I		Semi-Annual Other:
Payment desired:	Quarte	erly		Pre-Authorized Payment Plan
This request shall not Office.	be effective	e until the	applio	cation is approved and any necessary payment has been received by the Company at its Home
Application made at:	City			State Signature - See Instructions Below
thisday o	of			,
Witness:				
				the Insured if other then the Owner; and 3) any Irrevocable Beneficiary, Creditor Beneficiary, o
Assigned Where the	- signature	of a corne	oration	is required, the name of the corporation should be filled in followed by the signature and title of

an officer, and its corporate seal should be affixed.

Thank you for your request for a change to your policy.

As a part of our normal underwriting procedure, an investigative consumer report including information as to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living may be obtained. This information will be obtained through personal interviews with you and/or your fr iends, neighbors, and associates. Upon written request to our Policy Change Department, complete information as to the nature and scope of such report will be provided.

We appreciate the opportunity of serving your life insurance needs and want to assure you that your appli cation will receive the most prompt and favorable consideration possible.

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MTL INSURANCE COMPANY OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS 60523-2269

Please Note that information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential, except that MTL Insurance Company or its reinsurer(s) may make a brief report thereon to the Medical Information Bureau. This is a non-profit membership organization of life insurance companies which operates an information exchange on behalf of its members. Upon request by another member insurance company to which you have applied for life or health insurance coverage or to which a claim is submitted, the Bureau will supply that company with the information it may have in its files.

Upon receipt of a req uest from you, the Bureau will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. (Medical information may be disclosed only to your attending phy sician.) If you question the accuracy of information in the Bureau's file, you may contact the Bureau and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of the Bureau's information office is 50 Braintree Hill, Suite 400, Braintree, Massachusetts 02184-8734; telephone number 866-692-6901 (www.mib.com).

MTL Insurance Company or its reinsurer(s) may also release information in its file di rectly to other life i nsurance companies to which you may apply for life or health insurance, or to which a claim for benefits may be submitted.

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### **MTL Insurance Company**

Application I hereby declare that the following statements and answers are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, whether written in my own hand or not, and I agree that they shall be a basis for the policy reissue applied for under Policy Number: 1. Name of Insured or Applicant: 2. Date of Birth: 3. Employment: a. Occupation: b. Annual Earned Income: \$ c. Employer: Name: Street Address: State: City: Zip Code: 4. a. Total Insurance now in force with other companies: Life \$ Accidental Death \$ Monthly Disability Income \$ b. Last Policy Issued \_ Company 5. Has the Insured within the past five years flown in any type of aircraft as a pilot, student pilot or crew member, or does the Insured intend to 6. Has the Insured EVER been advised of, diagnosed, tested positive for, sought consultation for, or been treated for: cancer, stroke, or heart attack (heart disease) by a member of the medical profession? Yes No (if Yes, explain). 7. Height \_\_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in. Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs Change in the past year \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. Specify whether Gain or Loss and cause: 8. Has the Insured used tobacco or nicotine in any form in the past 12 months? 9. Has the Insured within the past 5 years: a. Applied for insurance or reinstatement without receiving it exactly as requested? If Yes, please explain: 10. Enter name and address of personal doctor (usual medical advisor), also date and reason last consulted. Name: State: Zip Code: Date: Reason: City: Yes No (If Yes, explain.) 11. Has the Insured ever plead guilty or been convicted of a felony? 12. Has the Insured been treated, examined or advised by a member of the medical profession during the past 5 years? No (If Yes, give full particulars below.) Reference to previous examinations for this Company is not acceptable as an answer in the following section. Dates of Treatment Name, Address, and Phone of Doctor Date of Diagnosis Diagnosis Authorization I acknowledge receipt of the disclosure statements regarding the investigative consumer report and the Medical Information Bureau, and authorize the Company to obtain a consumer investigative report if deemed necessary. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison. Application made at: City\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_

this

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

#### **POLICY SPECIFICATIONS**

#### INSURED INFORMATION

Policy Number: [99999999A] Date of Issue: [January 07, 2011] [\$274,454.43] Insured: [John Trust] Face Amount: Issue Age: Premium Mode: [Quarterly] [52] [\$50.00] Sex: [Male] Annual Policy Fee: Premium Class: [Standard] [ Non-Tobacco] Class:

Beneficiary is as stated in the application, unless subsequently changed.

Owner is as stated in the application, unless subsequently changed.

Dividends are not guaranteed.

#### SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS AND PREMIUMS

Basic Plan	Plan Description	Face Amount	Maturity Date or Expiry Date	Annual Years Premium Payable
[606]	[Life Paid Up At 90]	[\$254,866.00]	[January 07,2055]	[\$7,489.54] [38]
Additional B	t on of to			
Form	benefits		Maturity Date	Annual Years

	I OI III			Maturity Date	minual Icars
Number Plan Description		Plan Description	Face Amount	or Expiry Date	Premium Payable
As	ssociated with	the Primary Insured			
	21-9	Waiver of Premium		[January 07, 2022]	[598.94] [13]

Name: [John Trust	Age: [54] Sex: [Male]	Class: [Non-Toba	cco]		
2 19-11	Annual Premium Paid-Up Insurance		[January 07, 2078]		[16]
	Rider, Flexible Version				
	Initial Face Amount:	[\$19,588.43]		[13,848.89]	[1]
	Subsequent Face Amounts:	See Schedule		[7,500.00]	[16]
	(Stipulated [Quarterly] Premium: [\$1,875.00])				
	Annual Premium Paid-Up Insurance Rider, Flexi	ble Version Limits:			
	Minimum Annual Premium: [\$100.00]				
	Maximum Annual Premium: [\$27,500.00]				
21-15D	Flexible Premium Paid-Up Insurance Disability F	Benefit Rider			
	([Quarterly] Benefit Amount: [\$2,000.00])		[January 07, 2022]	[151.11]	[11]
	(Benefit Term is [11] Years.)				

Total Annual Premium: [\$14,999.98]
Initial Flexible Premium: [\$13,848.89]

# Page 3 Continuation of Page 3

Insured: [John Trust] Policy Number: [999999999A]

Covered Insured: [John Trust]

Additional Benefit: (2) 19-11 – Annual Premium Paid-Up Insurance Rider, Flexible Version

Stipulated Premium Mode: [Quarterly]

# Annual Premium Paid-Up Insurance Rider, Flexible Version Premium Limits: Minimum Annual Premium: [\$100.00] Maximum Annual Premium: [\$27,500.00]

Schedule of Initial and Stipulated Modal Premiums and Death Benefits for Annual Premium Paid-Up Insurance Rider, Flexible Version assuming premium payments are made at the beginning of each modal period.

Attained Age	Initial/ Stipulated Annual Premium	Death Benefit Amount	Attained Age	Stipulated Annual Premium	Death Benefit Amount	Attained Age	Stipulated Annual Premium	Death Benefit Amount
[55]	[13,848.89]	[19,588.43]	[78]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[101]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[56]	[7,500.00]	[28,883.45]	[79]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[102]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[57]	[7,500.00]	[37,898.98]	[80]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[103]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[58]	[7,500.00]	[46,647.65]	[81]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[104]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[59]	[7,500.00]	[55,141.66]	[82]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[105]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[60]	[7,500.00]	[63,390.68]	[83]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[106]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[61]	[7,500.00]	[71,403.83]	[84]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[107]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[62]	[7,500.00]	[79,191.36]	[85]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[108]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[63]	[7,500.00]	[86,763.44]	[86]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[109]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[64]	[7,500.00]	[94,130.90]	[87]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[110]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[65]	[7,500.00]	[101,304.29]	[88]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[111]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[66]	[7,500.00]	[108,293.39]	[89]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[112]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[67]	[7,500.00]	[115,106.93]	[90]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[113]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[68]	[7,500.00]	[121,752.58]	[91]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[114]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[69]	[7,500.00]	[128,237.04]	[92]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[115]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[70]	[7,500.00]	[134,566.65]	[93]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[116]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[71]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[94]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[117]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[72]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[95]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[118]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[73]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[96]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[119]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[74]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[97]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[120]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[75]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[98]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[121]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]
[76]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[99]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]			
[77]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]	[100]	[0.00]	[134,566.65]			

# Statement of Variability for Endorsement 4200-11

#### General Bracketed items on Page 3

1.) Insured: Name of Insured

2.) Issue Age: Minimum – 0

Maximum – 70

Actual used is Insured's Age Nearest Birthday on the Date of Issue

3.) Sex: Male or Female or Unisex

4.) Premium Class: Standard (for unrated policies)

Special (for rated policies including table extra premium and/or flat

extra premium)

Actual determined by Underwriting

5.) Face Amount: Minimum – Amount purchased by \$50.00 annual premium

Maximum – No Limit

Selected by Insured subject to Underwriting

6.) Premium Mode: Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annual, or Annual

7.) Class: Non-Tobacco, Tobacco, or Standard (for Juveniles, Ages 0-17)

Actual determined by underwriting, smoking status, and issue age

# Specific Bracketed items on Page 3 for Annual Premium Paid-Up Insurance Rider, Flexible Version

8.) Maturity Date: Date when the Insured reaches age 100

9.) Years Payable: Minimum: 1 year of premium

Maximum: Payable to attained age 75 Selected by Insured on Application

10.) Annual Premium: Annual Premium for Age, Face Amount and Class

For this rider, the Initial Premium and the Subsequent Annual

Premiums are shown.

11.) Initial Face Amount: Minimum – Amount purchased by \$50.00 annual premium

Maximum – No Limit

Selected by Insured subject to Underwriting

Actual value is the Face Amount purchased with initial Flexible

Premium Paid-Up Insurance Rider premium.

12.) Stipulated [Modal] Premium: Minimum – \$4.00

Maximum – Maximum [Modal] Premium

Selected by Insured on Application

13.) Minimum Annual Premium: Minimum –\$50

Maximum – Maximum Annual Premium

14.) Maximum Annual Premium: Minimum – Maximum of \$100 or Stipulated [Modal]

Premium

Maximum – Subject to Underwriting

Selected by Insured on Application, subject to

Underwriting

# Specific Bracketed items on Continuation of Page 3 for Annual Premium Paid-Up Insurance Rider, Flexible Version

15.) Stipulated Premium Mode: Monthly, Quarterly, Semi-Annual, or Annual

16.) Minimum Annual Premium: Minimum –\$50

Maximum – Maximum Annual Premium

17.) Maximum Annual Premium: Minimum – Maximum of \$100 or Stipulated [Modal]

Premium

Maximum – Subject to Underwriting

Selected by Insured on Application, subject to

Underwriting

18.) Schedule of Initial and Stipulated Modal Premiums and Death Benefits:

-This section shows the total Initial & Stipulated Modal Premiums paid in each year and the Death Benefits that correspond to those premium payments. Years Payable and Stipulated Premium amounts shown are selected by the Insured.

All Bracketed items will not change for a policy once it is issued as long as the policy is in force.

#### **CERTIFICATION FOR VARIABILITY**

MTL Insurance Company by Roger L. Barth, Vice President, Product Development, does hereby certify that any change or modification to a variable item shall be administered in accordance with the requirements in the Variability of Information section, including any requirements for prior approval of a change or modification.

Roger L.

Barth

Signature:

Roger L.

Digitally signed by Roger L. Barth
DN: cn=Roger L. Barth, 0=MTL
Insurance Co, ou=Vice President,
Product Development,
email=BarthR@mutualtrust.com,
c=U5
Date: 2011.10.20 09:36:29 -05'00'

Roger L. Barth